

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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AGENDA SECTION: HEARINGS	ORIGINATING DEPT: CITY ADMINISTRATION	ITEM NO. <i>E-14</i>
ITEM DESCRIPTION: Amend the 2003 Action Plan for the City of Rochester's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program		PREPARED BY: Theresa Fogarty, CDBG Administrator

August 25, 2003

Staff is recommending that the City of Rochester reallocate \$100,000 of the Contingency Funding as follows:

2003 Senior Citizens Services, Inc.. The Senior Citizens Services, Inc. is a non-profit providing programs and services to the seniors of Olmsted County. The additional CDBG funding will be used to assist with the cost of repairing the roof and replacing the air conditioning system at the Senior Citizens Services facility. located at 121 North Broadway, Rochester, MN 55906.

Council Action Needed:

1. Approve amending the 2003 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant.

Attachments:

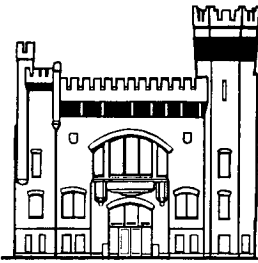
Letter from Senior Citizen Services, Inc., dated July 31, 2003

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Senior Citizens Services, Inc.

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July 31, 2003

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Mr. Terry Spaeth
City of Rochester, Administration
201 4th St. SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Dear Mr. Spaeth:

The Rochester Senior Center wishes to apply for any contingency funds that may be available through the 2003 Community Development Block Grant Program. More specifically, we would like to request the remaining 20% of the City's original appropriation to the Center for 2003. This amount totals \$18,600. Please see attached letter.

In addition to that amount, we would like to request any available funds to help the Center with replacing its desperately needed new roof. Recent storms have caused substantial internal damage as a result of the roof leaking. The Rochester Senior Center operates under a lease with the City and is expected to maintain this City owned building; however, large capital projects like this are nearly impossible for us to fund due to our limited budget. It is our hope that the City would assist us in funding this roofing project. We have received bids from two roofing contractors which puts the estimated cost for this project anywhere from \$95,000 to \$175,000. Copies of these bids are included. Due to the fact that the building is City owned, any funds received from the City of Rochester would be most helpful in our appeal to other potential organizations for assistance with funding this project.

As always, we are deeply grateful for the City of Rochester's assistance in helping the Rochester Senior Center serve the elderly of our community. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 287-7157. We look forward to your favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Sally Gallagher
Executive Director

Encl.

cc: Theresa Fogarty
Steve Kvenvold
Mayor and City Council



*Please remember the Rochester Senior Center Foundation in your will and estate plans.
Your generosity will always be remembered.*